June 13, 2013

MINUTES
Present: Chair Shari Nault, Vice-Chair Lloyd Mickelson, Alex Martin, Betty Richardson, Bernard Rose; Bill Cochran, Library Director; Dee Ann Redman, Assistant Library Director; Cara Schaer, Foundation President; Leslie Modrow, Foundation Development Director

Meeting called to order by Nault at 12:10 pm

Public Comment
None

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Move to approve the consent agenda.

Approved        Mickelson/Martin

Foundation report
Rose reported that:
- The Food for Thought event on June 6 was a success. It sold out over a week ahead, and raised $24,000 before expenses. The Foundation looks forward to putting more tables in next year in the new building.
- The Foundation elected new officers, who will take over their positions on July 1. Kathy Cross will be President, Mike Mathew is Vice-President. Kendra Freeck continues as Treasurer and Chris Schmechel continues as Secretary.
- Development training is ongoing.
- Planning for the donor event on 1/31/14 and related events after the dedication are progressing.

Cochran spoke about plans for the public dedication of the new library on 2/1/14. This will be the official opening event. There is a committee that is making sure that all the appropriate dignitaries are invited to attend the event, which is tentatively scheduled from 1-4 pm. Cochran asked for at least one Board member to join the committee; Martin has agreed to do so.

Report of Nominating Committee
Rose noted that there were many nominations this year. He offered his thanks to all who participated in the process and also to those who were willing to serve.

Development of priorities for Foundation donations
Nault proposes that the Library Board and the Billings Public Library Foundation have a standing item on the agenda to develop a list of library needs for potential BPLF funding. These could be prioritized at the annual retreat. An additional suggestion was made to include the Friends of the Library as well. Nault directed staff to include BPLF and FOL funding proposals as a standing agenda item.
Library Reserves
Cochran distributed information on the Library’s financial reserves from the City budget. He explained use of the reserves in detail with the Board, with discussion of City recommendations for reserve fund balances and budget information from the current City budget book.

Action on Draft Strategic Plan
Nault asked the Board if their were further questions regarding the Strategic Plan, which had been discussed at previous Board meetings. There were none.

MOTION: Move to approve the Draft Strategic Plan.

Approved Martin/Rose

Adjourned 12:59 p.m.